

ABORIGINAL COALITION TO END HOMELESSNESS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

2018

Friday, July 27th 2018

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Songhees Wellness Centre

1100 Admirals Road (Conference Room)

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2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

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LOCATION: Songhees Wellness Centre, 1100 Admirals Road, Conference Room



Time	Item	Action
11:00 AM	Lunch	
B. Dick	Opening	Welcome to the Territory
J. Powell	Chair Call to Order	Opening Remarks Voting Rights Determination of Quorum
	Adoption of Agenda	MOTION: That the Agenda for the 2018 Annual General Meeting be approved Moved: Seconded:
	Approval of Minutes of 2017 AGM	MOTION: That the minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting be accepted Moved: Seconded:
J. Powell	Chair's Report	MOTION: That the Chair's report be accepted Moved: Seconded:
C. Thornton-Joe	Treasurer's Report	MOTION: That the Treasurer's Report be accepted MOTION: To accept unaudited Notice to Reader from Grant Thornton Accounting LLP Moved: Seconded:
F. Hunt-Jinnouchi	Executive Director's Report	Report and Acknowledgements MOTION: To accept Executive Director's report Moved: Seconded:
Governance Committee	Nominations Report	MOTION: Moved: Seconded:
	Video	Time permitting view ACEH 10-minute video
C. Newman	Keynote Presentation	Carey Newman: <i>Truth before Reconciliation</i>
	Adjournment Time:	MOTION: To adjourn the Annual General Meeting of the Aboriginal Coalition to End Homelessness Moved: Seconded:

2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Friday, September 22 2017

TIME: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

LOCATION: Victoria Native Friendship Centre



Time	Item	Action
1:00 pm	Opening	Welcome to the Territory - Brianna Dick, Songhee's Nation.
Chair	Call to Order	John Powell calls meeting to order 1:10 pm
Chair	Determination of Quorum	John Powell determines Quorum is met. 7 or 10% is Quorum – 1 membership, 1 vote
	Motion to adopt Agenda	MOTION to adopt agenda with changes (addition to agenda by Treasurer). Moved by Charlayne Thornton-Joe. Seconded by Sandra Richardson. Carried.
	Motion to approve 2016 AGM Minutes	Overview of 2016 AGM Meeting MOTION to approve 2016 AGM minutes. Moved by Charlayne Thornton-Joe. Seconded by Sandra Richardson. Carried.
F. Hunt-Jinnouchi	Executive Director Report	Approval of Executive Director's Report MOTION to accept ED Report. Moved by Kathy Stinson. Seconded by Don Elliott. Carried.
	Acknowledgment of Supporters of ACEH by Executive Director	Sharlayne Bailey, CanWest Accounting; Don Evans, Our Place Society; Gordon Gunn, Third Foundation Consulting; Kathy Stinson & Donna McKenna, Victoria Cool Aid Society; Dominique Saheed, University of Victoria; Meaghan Brown, Centre for Addictions Research of B.C.; Leslie Brown, University of Victoria
J. Powell	Chair's Report	MOTION to accept Chair's report. Moved by Sandra Richardson. Seconded by Leslie Brown. Carried.
C. Thornton-Joe	Treasurer's Report	MOTION for Treasurer's report be accepted. Moved by Patricia Hall. Seconded by Sandra Richardson. Carried. MOTION to accept Grant Thornton Accounting LLP. Moved by Don Evans. Seconded by Kathy Stinson. Carried.
C. Thornton-Joe	Review Annual Financial Statements	Presented Notice to Reader prepared by Grant Thornton Accounting LLP MOTION to accept Notice to Reader financial statement from Grant Thornton Accounting LLP. Moved by Sandra Richardson. Seconded by Leslie Brown. Carried. MOTION to increase the ACEH membership from \$1 for individuals and \$5 for corporate to \$5 for individuals and \$10 for corporate members in 2018. Moved by Don Elliott. Seconded by Don Evans. Carried. **Amendment to motion: To be as of "January 1, 2018 and membership is in good standing from January to December." Summary Report on Victoria Foundation Grant for the ACEH being administered by Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness, presented by Executive Director Don Elliott.
	Election of Directors	MOTION to accept Board of Directors as presented. Moved by Leslie Brown. Seconded by Guy Louie. Carried.
G. Gunn	Changes to Bylaws	Gordon Gunn presents on Extraordinary Meeting in May 2017, to align the ACEH Bylaws to meet new BC Societies Act. MOTION to ratify new Bylaws. Moved by Don Elliott. Seconded by Don Evans. Carried.
	ED introduces Guest Speaker	Kathy Stinson, CEO of Victoria Cool Aid Society presents on partnership with the ACEH Priority One Pilot Project.
2:22 pm	Adjournment	MOTION to adjourn moved by Charlayne Thornton-Joe. Carried.

CHAIR'S REPORT 2018

July 27, 2018



Dear Members:

Firstly, I want to take this moment to say thank you for still being a part of the Aboriginal Coalition to End Homelessness. The important work that we are doing would not be possible without your continuing support.

I would also like to emphasize and recognize what a great contribution the Coast Salish First Nations in the Victoria area give to us, each time we do this work in their beautiful territories.

In addition, the Salish, Nuu-Chah-Nulth, and Kwakwaka wakw family's recognition and acknowledgement coupled with the various dedicated organizations and agencies from a foundation of support and motivation for our tiny staff. The unwavering support of our three island families also demonstrates their love and compassion in our efforts to lift up our brothers and sisters who are out there on these streets experiencing homelessness.

Over this past year, many, various events have transpired under the umbrella and through the direction of Aboriginal Coalition to End Homelessness. Part of the work that continues is the effort towards stable, long-term funding to support the organization. We have been moving in political circles, talking with ministers and their deputies to enlighten them about the plight of Indigenous homeless individuals. This work will continue until we have the financial ability to carry out our work undaunted by financial concerns. It continues to puzzle me why funding agencies are not falling over one another to fund this cause.

The work that Aboriginal Coalition to End Homelessness has been involved in speaks for itself in the successes that have occurred especially in the partnership to house the Priority One family. Culture and connection have undoubtedly been the factors which create these successes. The tender, loving care and empathy are pathways to achieving these results.

There are other partnerships as well, which deserve attention while I have the opportunity to express here. Four of our valued partners are: The Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness for guidance and experience that they bring to the ACEH. Another notable agency I would like to shine light on, is the Victoria Foundation for its continued support, both financially and in providing meeting space whenever possible. Thirdly, I want to acknowledge the efforts of the Victoria Police Department for their commitments to developing healthy, safe relationships with our Aboriginal homeless. And finally, I want to bring attention to our newly forming relationship with Atira Women's Resource Centre whose partnership/mentorship will enhance the work that ACEH is heading toward.

On behalf of our three families and our homeless Aboriginal members, we recognize the help of all the individuals who give their time and efforts to create change and bring awareness and assistance. It is my hope that in my life time I will once again witness, well deserved homes for each and every one of our people no matter where they may be residing and no matter what their age, gender or social/economic circumstance may be.

At this time, I would like to take the opportunity to express our appreciation and offer our thanks to Mr. Bruce Parisian for his wonderful service to the Aboriginal Coalition to End Homelessness. Bruce sat as the very first chairman of the organization and when he retired last January, he held the position of Vice-Chair. The work that he was responsible for and the commitment that he gave to the ACEH is greatly appreciated and we will miss his presence at our table.

In addition, we would also like to welcome Mr. Ron Rice who has assumed the position of Vice-Chair since Bruce's departure.

Thank you for hearing my words and please put good energy toward our gathering here today.

Respectfully Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Powell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John Powell
Chair, Aboriginal Coalition to End Homelessness



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT 2018

Welcome. Thank you for attending our third AGM.

We are honoured to conduct our work on the traditional territory of the Lekwungen speaking people of the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations.

The Aboriginal Coalition to End Homelessness (ACEH) has a vision to lead long-term, systemic change to better meet the needs of our people living away from home and experiencing homelessness. The work of the ACEH is centered on the voices of Aboriginal peoples who have shared their immediate needs, lived experiences, and perspectives on solutions. Through building partnerships locally and island-wide, the ACEH works to identify and address systemic and structural barriers, share information, resources, and lessons learned while also providing cultural supports, connections, and housing stability. The role of the ACEH is critical because there is not another Indigenous led organization on Vancouver Island that has ending Indigenous homelessness as its sole focus.

In three short years, our organization made significant strides. Because of our dedicated ACEH Board of Directors, and their willingness to take risks and willingness to address systemic and structural barriers, our capacity is growing, and we are able to do more for the Aboriginal Street Community (ASC). We are blessed to have funders who are on board with our vision, a passionate staff, and the ASC who have shared their stories, hopes and dreams with us.

None of this work could happen without our partners and allies: our work with the Victoria Police Department under the leadership of Chief Del Manak models reconciliation in action; the guidance of Kathy Stinson and her management team spurred the Priority One Pilot Program; Atira Women's Resources Society who will be providing mentorship to our organization, and Mayor Lisa Helps who is a champion of our society is working hard to build bridges and open doors. Special thanks to the Victoria Foundation, the Aboriginal Health Initiative Program (VIHA), United Way, and Indigenous & Northern Affairs Canada who have provided multi-year financial support.

Highlights since the last AGM:

- Indigenous Women's Circle (IWC) now meets four times monthly providing Indigenous women experiencing homelessness with a safe space to gather, develop life-skills, employment skills, independence, and prepares them for permanent housing.
- Priority One Pilot Program provides culturally supportive housing (VCAS and Island Health partnership); completed a P1 Lessons Learned Report.
- Presented to various Provincial Ministers.
- Hosted the 1st Annual Indigenous Health & Wellness Day.
- Completed Health and Wellness surveys with the Aboriginal Street Community (90 surveys completed in Victoria).
- Developed an Aboriginal Nursing Student Practicum Placement Framework with Camosun College and UVIC.

- Produced a marketing booklet and short video.
- Conducted Indigenous Youth Homelessness Research Project.
- Host Monthly *Building Community* Events with food, culture, crafts, and presentations.
- Work towards healing and reconciliation with Victoria Police Department.
- Wisdom of the Elders – Guidance from the Community: A Tailored Approach to Indigenize Harm Reduction; goal to develop a draft Indigenous framework for decolonized practice.
- Completed a Managed Alcohol Program (MAP) Feasibility Study.
- Implemented the Food Rescue project to support the IWC cooking, food security, and traditional food preparation.
- Currently coordinating a new mentorship with Atira Women's Resources Society to support the ACEH to build the necessary organizational capacity to develop and manage housing for Indigenous peoples experiencing homelessness.
- Presented at the Vancouver Island Mayor's caucus re: island-wide mandate

In conclusion, I would like to thank the practicum students for their contributions, Aunty Glo for her deep and unwavering support for the Priority One Cohort Family, Jessica Onespot-Whitney who recently started as Projects Coordinator, Angela Hamilton who facilitates the Indigenous Women's Circle, Fred Roland for sharing his wisdom and teachings, and Brielyn Ramsey, my Administrative Assistant who has been a blessing - Brie I could not manage without you. I am also grateful to Carey Newman for taking time from his busy schedule to share his insight and support.

Lastly, we are at a new stage of development where we are building the necessary organizational capacity to develop and manage housing for Indigenous peoples experiencing homelessness. In this, we will be able to better meet the gaps for the Aboriginal Street Community, who are most at risk and vulnerable, to help them to not only secure housing but **culturally supportive housing**, with the intent to build a sense of community, family, self-identity and sense of purpose in life. 2017/18 was a busy, productive, and fulfilling year. We learned a lot, and I am excited to see what this upcoming year holds and am looking forward to rolling out the programming and support for 21 Indigenous women in the modular housing.



Fran Hunt-Jinnouchi
Executive Director, Aboriginal Coalition to End Homelessness



KEY NOTE PRESENTATION: CAREY NEWMAN



Kwagiulth and Coast Salish artist,
innovator & Creator of the Witness
Blanket

Presentation: *Truth before Reconciliation*

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2017/18

Chair, John Powell, Kwakiutl District Council

Vice-Chair, Ron Rice, Victoria Native Friendship Centre (replaced Bruce Parisian)

Secretary, Janet Hanuse, Sacred Wolf Friendship Centre

Treasurer, Charlayne Thornton-Joe, Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness
(Elected Position, term ending at 2018 AGM)

Chief Richard Thomas, Hereditary Chief, Lyackson First Nation

Dawn Willie, Quatsino First Nation, Kwakwaka'wakw representative (replacing Patricia Hall)

Don Elliott, Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness

Eddie Mack, Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council (replacing Arnold Robinson)

Guy Louie, Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council

Lissa Smith, Metis Nation BC

Mavis Underwood, Tsawout First Nation

Sandra Richardson, Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness
(Elected Position, term ending at 2018 AGM)

THANK YOU

Thank you 2017/18 funding partners, this work could not be accomplished without your generous support.

